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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Monopoly

Hi,

In regards to the attached email, my thoughts are as follows. I think Microsoft winning (winning in my definition meaning slaps on the hand being irrelevant...) is very disheartening. The reason it is disheartening is because it sends the message that our own government is not really in control, nor has the actual ability and/or care to note and control such behavior. If you will notice that Microsoft is using the "loss" to market there own products yet again. And once again, our judges and government officials just aren't bright or competent enough to see through these things.

On another note, I make a living supporting NT and Unix networks and I am currently using MS products to send you this message. I would like to see sensible cases and sensible reprimands. Companies like Novell and Sun that do not really "compete" with MS and then sue is a little ridiculous as well. Novell just sat there and watched the giant come without really trying to compete. Sun has never targeted the home user or even the low end server market, yet the complain about MS? We need research, relevant facts, and accurate penalties. I actually don't hate MS. I hate a system that allows companies like MS to do whatever they want with nothing more than a inconvenience or the ability to turn their "punishments" into "advantages."

Thank you,
-Todd Chilson

P.S. In all sympathy to government officials, I know they have a very hard job and they are doing the best they can with enlightening counter-arguments to my position. I believe in them equally, but this is my opinion as it stands today. :-)